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SUBJECT: SOVIET DESIRE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL NEW PROPERTY
IN COURTLANDT, NEW YORK

1. WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED INFORMALLY BY SMUN FIRST SECRETARY
NIKOLAI KRIYUBIN CONCERNING SOVIET MISSION DESIRE TO PURCHASE
VALERIA ESTATE IN COURTLANDT, NEW YORK.

2. ACCORDING TO FIRYUBIN, SOVIETS WANT VERY MUCH TO HAVE A
RETREAT IN THE COUNTRY. HE ADVISED THAT PROPERTY IS ABOUT
35 MILES FROM NEW YORK. THERE ARE SEVEN HOUSES ON PROPERTY,
NONE MORE THAN THREE STORIES HIGH, WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE ABOUT
250 PEOPLE. THE PROPERTY IS ON ABOUT 500 ACRES, AND HAS A
MAN-MADE LAKE. AT ONE TIME, PROPERTY WAS USED AS A RETREAT FOR
UNION PERSONNEL, BUT IS NO LONGER USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. IF SOVIETS ACQUIRED COURTLANDT PROPERTY, THEY WOULD OWN
FIVE PROPERTIES IN NEW YORK. OTHER FOUR PROPERTIES ARE GLEN
COVE ESTATE, PROPERTY IN OYSTER BAY AND APARTMENT HOUSES ON
EAST 67TH STREET AND IN RIVERDALE.

4. SOVIETS WANT TO KNOW IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY OBJECTIONS
TO THEIR PURCHASE OF VALERIA ESTATE.

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5. PLEASE ADVISE ON RESPONSE TO BE MADE TO SOVIET INQUIRY.

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